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## CHURCHES UNITE TO FIGHT "FLU"

Churches, Theaters and Places Close Until Monday. People Urged to Take Precautions to Preserve Health of City.

and county officials have until the county health officer, G. Ross, to combat the "flu" which is spreading in some of Oregon and in Columbia.

Officials are not alarmed over the disease, but the steps they have taken are more for prevention than cure. After a conference with the health officer, the mayor proclaimed asking the people to exercise all precautions to care that St. Helens and surrounding country does not have a epidemic of "flu" that raged last year.

State Law Covers. It is not necessary the mayor should thought, to put through ordinance relative to handling the disease for the state are amply severe to handle any epidemic that may arise. Under the law it becomes obligatory for physicians and health officers to quarantine and isolate by influenza and to report the presence of disease to health officers within 24 hours.

In addition the rules provide that physicians report the disease on the part of a physician or healer, or of a family or the proprietor of a hotel, or lodging house, or the guilty person subject to a fine of \$100.

The mayor wishes to call special attention to this part of the state law which makes it incumbent upon the proprietor of a hotel or lodging house to promptly to the health officer.

Theaters, Churches Close. In line with the precautionary measures urged, Dr. Ross and Mayor have fit to close the schools, churches and theaters until Monday.

The situation improved by that these places will be allowed to open. So far, there have been no developed cases of "flu" in St. Helens, although there are many grippe and bad colds. Both are contagious, and it is upon the people generally to observe the rules of quarantine when a member of the family is suffering from a grippe or cold.

Dr. Ross stated that if the people cooperate with the health officer and city officials along the suggested, that he feels confident the situation in St. Helens will be much improved. A telegram received by him from Oregon, State Health Officer, that under the emergency board regulations, employers report suspicious influenza cases in employees and refuse payment to such persons. All influenza or suspicious symptoms must immediately be quarantined and report cases to health officer.

It is not the purpose of Dr. Ross or Mayor to create any undue alarm, but they do desire people to take every precaution for the preservation of the health of the city.

## RELIEF CORPS INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Relief Corps No. 49 at its regular meeting Saturday at St. Helens, installed the following officers: President, Sarah A. Spencer; Vice President, Nannie B. Johnson; Secretary, Kate M. Baker; Treasurer, Alma Mills; Auditor, Anna Brown; Chaplain, W. Wood; Conductor, Lizzie Park; Guard, Minnie Johns; Patriotic Director, Maude Webster; Press Correspondent, Inez S. Powell; Musician, Pearl Rogers; Asst. Conductor, Viola Treharne; Asst. Guard, Edna Wright; Color Bearer, B. Bergerson; Maudie G. Dunlap; Baker, Iris Baker.

## CHURCH SITE CHOSEN

The new Catholic Church will be located almost opposite the old church, across the paved road. The site of the building will parallel the road, and the entrance will face west, looking toward the depot. Electrically lighted cross will surmount the steeple and may be seen miles away.

Not only the Catholic people are interested over this beautiful new church, but also men who belong to other churches whatever, if the following letter, received by Father Clancy, be taken as an indication:

Rev. J. P. Clancy, St. Helens, Oregon.

## GEORGE WOLZ IN BONNY SCOTLAND

Tells of Experiences on Board the Shipping Board Steamer Colindo on Trip to United Kingdom.

Falkirk Scotland, Dec. 23, 1919. Mr. S. C. Morton, St. Helens, Oregon. Dear Friend:— I thought you would like to hear something about the S. S. Colindo, and her voyage. We were 17 days and seven hours from Astoria, Oregon to Balboa or Panama Canal Zone. No stops whatsoever. We stayed there eight days and were six hours going through the canal to Colon, and eight days, 11 hours to Norfolk, Virginia; no stops or repairs. Had three days of a good storm; she made a roll of 35 degrees. At Norfolk we took off deck load and started for somewhere in England.

Left Norfolk, Va., Nov. 26th and arrived at Grange Mouth, Scotland or Falkirk, Scotland, as these two cities are twin cities, on Dec. 15th. Now we are bound for New Castle, England; from there we go to Ancona, Italy, which is over 3,000 miles from New Castle, England, with a cargo of coal, then from Ancona, Italy, back to England, then a guess to America for some time yet. From Astoria, Oregon, to Falkirk, Scotland is 9,000 knots; averaged 205 knots each day and a non-stop trip only at ports which I have spoken of. The Colindo has made the record of all the U. S. S. B. ships to the voyage which she has made. She has caused no trouble at all, and let me tell you she can handle herself in a sea. I have met other U. S. S. B. ships which were in tow for port and they were from Astoria, and around Seattle, but the Colindo kept on going, and we are now making our way for New Castle tonight which is only a 12 hour run and will spend Christmas in New Castle.

Now a few words as to this part of the world which some of you people would like to know. The English Channel is known over here as the Kaiser's graveyard, and let me tell you it is sure well named, as by our good luck we made our way up the Channel mostly day time or at least we saw the greater part by day, and you can see the graves as they are caused. The ship masts one place we passed where 15 ships were sunk in one place, and it wasn't nothing to see a mast sticking up almost any where. In the North Sea the day before we reached Falkirk, 800 mines were washed ashore by an east wind, so if they say the mines are all cleared up they are mistaken badly. Scotland is a busy place in all parts, ships coming and going. The people we met are sure to speak a good word for Americans. Sugar, butter and meats you can hardly get. You are allowed one ounce of butter per week to each person and then you get the Danish "ole" at that. They don't understand how we get butter. They have plenty of other stuff to eat, all the flour and the like, also lots of warm clothes and good ones at that. They are a nice bunch of people to meet, and one thing you can say for them and that is they are honest in all their dealings as we have found it out with our six days in port here.

Well, as the Colindo is now steaming down the North Sea for New Castle, I will close sending my best wishes to the people of St. Helens, around about, as the Scotch call it. As ever, one from St. Helens, GEORGE WOLZ, U. S. S. B. Board Commissioner, 8 Grosvenor Garden, London, England, S. S. Colindo.

## MARTIN BRIGGS ANSWERS CALL

Following an attack of influenza, which developed into pneumonia, Martin Briggs, well known and highly esteemed young man of Yankton, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Briggs, Sunday afternoon, January 26th. Besides his parents, deceased is survived by two young sisters, Easter and Shirley. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, the interment being in the Yankton cemetery. Martin was 18 years of age and was born in Yankton on his father's farm. He was a cheerful, good natured and industrious boy and had a bright future before him. He was a pupil in the St. Helens High school and popular with teachers and pupils. The sympathy of many friends in St. Helens, Yankton and vicinity go out to the bereaved ones, for Martin, polite, well behaved and accommodating made a host of friends who sorrow at his untimely end.

## AUSTIN'S REMOVAL SALE BEGINS TODAY

A. E. Austin will start his removal sale today and continue it for eight days. Mr. Austin has leased the store quarters on Columbia street formerly occupied by J. T. Taber and expects to move to that location about Feb. 15th. In order to save the trouble and expense of moving thousands of dollars of goods to the new location and by way of expressing his appreciation to the people of St. Helens and surrounding country for their liberal patronage, Mr. Austin concluded to put on his removal sale, and will make it possible for the people to take a healthy breath at the H. C. L. The sale will continue for eight days and the complete and high class stock of seasonal merchandise carried by Mr. Austin, together with the unusually low prices he is quoting, should interest the thrifty ones, and his store should be the magnet which will draw hundreds who wish to secure bargains in high class merchandise.

## MISS MAE GOIN HAS ABOUT RECOVERED FROM A RECENT INDISPOSITION

Miss Mae Goin has about recovered from a recent indisposition.

## \$2700 VERDICT IS GIVEN MALMSTEN

Jury Awards Damages in Condemnation Case. Several Other Cases to be Heard. Jury taken to Nehalem to View Lands.

Otto Malmsten was given a verdict for \$2700 in the condemnation case brought against him by the Portland, Astoria and Pacific who wished to condemn some of Malmsten's property for railroad purposes. Malmsten placed his damages at \$3,500, and various witnesses placed it from \$1500 to \$3000 or more. The railroad company, it is understood, had offered \$1300. The jury evidently thought that amount too little and the amount asked by Malmsten too large, for after being out a short time, they settled on \$2700. The railroad company has to pay the costs of the case and Judge Eakin allowed \$300 for attorney's fees, so the total will run almost \$3500. The verdict is considered a victory for the defendant.

## JURY GOES TO NEHALEM

The jury, chosen to hear the case of the railroad vs. J. T. Adams, were taken to the Nehalem Tuesday to view the land in question and gain a better idea of the situation. Attorneys for both sides accompanied them on the trip which was made in one day. The trip to Clatskanie was by train and waiting automobiles hurried the jurors to the Vernonia country, and back in time to catch the train for St. Helens.

The railroad company's attorneys included the presentation of their evidence Wednesday afternoon, and Thomas Tongue, representing Mr. Adams, began the examination of witnesses for the defendant Thursday morning. There are several witnesses and it is not thought the case will go to the jury today; as the examination is very thorough by the attorneys on both sides.

## MRS ALMA RODGERS ANSWERS FINAL CALL

As the result of an operation she underwent at a Portland hospital Tuesday morning, Mrs. Alma Rodgers wife of John M. Rodgers of Portland and sister of Mrs. S. C. Morton and Miss Olga Heilborn of St. Helens, passed away Tuesday afternoon, never having rallied from the shock of the operation. Her sudden passing was a terrible shock to her relatives here, also to her many acquaintances in St. Helens, for during the past ten years, Mrs. Rodgers frequently visited here. Her last visit being at Christmas and at that time she said her doctor had advised a minor operation. It was with the expectation of such operation that she entered the hospital Monday and underwent the operation Tuesday morning. The end came suddenly and just after her husband had momentarily left her. Deceased was born in Mankato, Minnesota, 46 years ago, coming to Oregon with her parents, the late Charles and Alma Heilborn, when four years of age and lived in Astoria until her marriage in 1895 to John M. Rodgers of Portland. Besides her husband, and one son Carl, she is survived by two brothers, Otto and San Bernardino, California, and Charles of Portland and three sisters, Mrs. O. A. Bierbach who resides in Honolulu, Miss Olga Heilborn and Mrs. S. C. Morton of this city. Mrs. Rodgers was a woman of strong character and of amiable and sunny disposition and had a wide circle of friends who mourn her untimely end. The funeral was held yesterday at the Portland Crematorium.

## TO VOTE ON INCORPORATION

A special election will be held at Scappoose at Watts' and Price's hall on Friday, February 27th, to decide whether or not that portion of Columbia county shall be incorporated as a municipal incorporation to be known as Scappoose. J. G. Watts and W. H. Cooper have been appointed as judges of the election and G. B. Milloy, E. E. Wis and Laura McKay are the clerks.

## WORK ON SHIP BEGINS MONDAY

A. Friesendahl of the Sommarstrom Shipbuilding Company informs the Mist that on Monday a force of men will begin work converting the government steamer hull on the ways at the Columbia City yard in a 5 masted barkentine. A force of 15 to 20 men have been at work this week getting the machinery lined up and making preliminary arrangements for the prosecution of the work. Between 40 and 50 men will be employed by Mr. Friesendahl and it will take four months or longer to do the work outlined.

## GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

The grand jury at their session last week returned a number of true bills, the following persons being indicted: Joe Stricklevitch, assisting attempt self murder; Sanford McGowan, larceny by bailer; Mike Russell, assault with dangerous weapon; Herman Gortler, larceny in dwelling; Tona Maro, threat to kill; Jim Tekeff, manufacturing intoxicating liquor, also possessing intoxicating liquor; Alex Stephano, assault with dangerous weapon; Dana Campbell, adultery, also failing to support wife and child.

It is possible that some of the cases may be heard at this session of the court.

Mr. Arthur George went up to Portland Tuesday night for a few days stay there.

## MACHINE SHOP TO BE BUILT

Council Agrees to Lease Site Adjoining City Dock to Company who Will Build Big Shop. Other Matters of Interest Before Council.

About the most important matter coming before the council Monday night was the proposition of a company headed by J. W. Akin to lease a tract of land 50x100 on the north side of the roadway to the city dock, for the purpose of erecting a machine shop. The councilmen seemed to be heartily in favor of the proposition, and met Tuesday afternoon with Mr. Akin and others and it is understood tentative arrangements. The site will be leased for a period of years with the understanding that if the city needs the site or building, that the matter will be submitted to a board of arbitration to fix the damages or compensation of those who own the building. The monthly or yearly rental has not been decided upon, but a contract will be presented at the next meeting of the council.

Mr. Akin stated to the Mist that his company will lay the foundation for a building 50x100, but for the present will build a structure 50x60 and, as business increases, it is planned to add another unit to the building. The shop will be equipped to do all kinds of heavy machine work for ships, boats and logging concerns and also smaller jobs that come in. Several men will be employed on the start, but it is said that enough business has been lined up to insure an increase in the working force.

## LIGHTS IN WEST ST. HELENS

Councilman Larabee reported that he had examined the placing of certain lights petitioned for by a number of residents of Highway boulevard from the post-office towards Milton creek bridge along the highway, and had ascertained that the county owned the right of way and there would or could be no valid objection from the State Highway Commission as to the placing the electric light poles.

Application for building permit was granted C. B. Crouse who intends to erect a dwelling on lots 8 and 9 in Block 4, West St. Helens.

In the matter of affording better police protection for West St. Helens. This was discussed at some length and certain arrangements made so the citizens of that portion of the city will have better protection than heretofore.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Examinations were held in the high school on Thursday and Friday of last week. Very few failures have been reported.

There will be about ten pupils in the new freshmen class just entering the high school from the eighth grade.

A debate is scheduled between the St. Helens high school team and the Gresham high for Feb. 20th, at St. Helens. Max Wilson and Miss Florence Van Gilden will represent our school.

The upper classes will present the play, "At the End of the Rainbow," about the last of February. The play is a college comedy in three acts and furnishes opportunity for some real dramatic touches.

The senior class has ordered some beautiful class pins which should add some distinctions to its members. The design of the pins is similar to that of last year's class.

Our student body and teachers are anticipating a pleasant visit from the pupils and teachers of the Rainier high school, just as soon as the health of our town will make such a visit safe. We are going to unite to make this a memorable event.

The teachers are making plans for a big "community party" to be given at the school building, Feb. 12th. An effort will be made, through the school children, to have this a record breaker so far as attendance is concerned. All of the best music talent in St. Helens will be asked to take part in the program.

## McBRIDE SCHOOL

First Grade. Naoma Brown, Hazel Chambers, Hilda Chambers, Errol Crouse, Elmer Desimply, Walter Desimply, Della Kelly, Jane Masten, Peter Pasero, Roy Urie, Wilton White, Miss M. Hodgins, Teacher.

Second Grade. Marie Baseel, Elsie Buss, Lillian Desimply, Nellie Hardin, Edith Kyle, Genevieve Masten, Danna McTaggart, Agnes Olsen, Dorothy Olsen, Ruth Urie, James Cade, Donald Cripe, Clinton Goodman, Clifford Hansen, Ernest Payne, Floyd Taylor, Richard Dunn. Mrs. Effie Brown, Teacher.

Third and Fourth Grades. Mikel Baseel, Frank Brasme, Norma Brasme, Ruby Brasme, Gerald Buss, Lavelle Chambers, Lillian Chambers, Edna Faxon, Gladys Frazer, Kenneth Goodman, Laura Hansen, Robert Hansen, Andy Hill, Gordon Johnson, Walter Johnson, Verna Hunter, Hilda Mehaffey, Mable Murphy, Delmar Olson, Faye Olson, Harry Owens, Angelo Pasero, Richard Urie, Eva Urie, Hazel Urie, Daniel Wolf. Miss L. Hodgins, Teacher.

## DECEMBER HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOLS

List of Pupils Who Were Neither Absent Nor Tardy During that Month.

First Grade. Hazel Stansbury, Alma Taylor, June Hiatt, Helen Booth, Alice Stead, Harold Stone, Claude Desherly, Dants Ceccato, Tony Ceccato, Arthur Fultz, Arden Gage, Billy Hooper, William Colt, Robert Lewis, Winifred Howard, Teacher.

Second Grade. Pupils neither tardy nor absent in 2nd Grade: Irene Confer, Ruth Coates, Dorothy Dethman, Helen Lewis, LaVelle Mason, Edith Neilson, Amie Sten, Violet Zelgler, Carol Carson, Donald Chapman, Rider Chronic, Hartley Conrite, Richard Doran, Ernest Garcia, Dan Lausing, Wayne Mason, Versal Markham, Glen Morgan, Wilfred McDonald, William McDonald, Jimmie Suaggart, Miss Wanda Salm, Teacher.

Third Grade. Lenore Bishop, Pearl Confer, Florence Dew, Patricia Dixon, Helen Hoffman, Virginia Morton, Mattie Ryan, Natalie Tarbell, Jane Day, Harold Brown, Rex Belleville, Charles Doran, James Kelley, Merton Miller, Randall Miller, Amanda Lake.

Fourth Grade. Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Gustav Albertson, William Bennet, Virginia Bushman, Orel Clendenning, Alice Cooper, Corrine Constantine, Rose Cram, Lizzie DeShirley, Johnny Dethman, Paul Dixon, Leroy Hollingworth, Sam Keith, Clara Morgando, Gertrude Palmer, Nina Pierce, Lawrence Quam, Ola Rountree, Montell Rountree, Lucy Smith, Marie Bronson, Johnnie Mace, Suzette Fitch, Charlie Aronson, Walter Aronson, Margaret Stevens, Ysleta McLaughlin, Alice Prather. Effie Wilson, Teacher.

Fifth Grade. Eleonora Fultz, Oscar Albertson, Edward Booth, Raymond De Vin, Mary McKie, Louis Quam, Myrtle Gage, Genevieve Lansing, Harold Huntley, Irma Walker, Ruth Miller, Wesley Usher, Ashley Boyd, Avery Holliday, Charles Whyman, Harry Ketel, Eva Dew, Margaret Hiatt, Mildred Tucker, Margaret McGorty, Elmer Fultz, Robert Carlson, Helen Bowers. Clara Ketel, Teacher.

Sixth Grade. Pupils neither absent nor tardy for school month ending Jan. 23: Alva McKie, Dorothy Pierce, Vera Kelly, Julia Rora, George Blackburn, Flora LeMay, Beldon Lidyard, Ethel Saulser, Clayton Miller, Amelia Kiblan, Albertina Hankey, Mary Caniparoli, Loreta Coates, Ethe Dixon, Ellen Ellefseth, Ida Esson, Ruth Levi, Vernon Moss, Victoria Rosasco, Mabel Whyman, Louise Black Virgil Russ, Alice Harrison, Elsie L. Dew, Teacher.

Seventh Grade. Perfect attendance: Naomi Chittim, Opal Ward, Walter Booth, Lela Harrison, Eva Miles, Agnes Hattan, Evelyn Peterson, Evelyn Russell, Marguerite Russell, Margaret Cooper, Edith Lake, Dorothea Snelling, Marion Sten, Willa Bushong, Louise Stora, Enily Usher, Burford Wilkerson, Harvey Hembling, Robert Jameson. Miss Razlaff, Teacher.

Eighth Grade. Ronald Blakesley, Lowell Clayton, Jack Gibby, Santo Caniparoli, James Baker, Ethel Edmonds, Edna Lynch, Thelma Specht, Mary Lope, Marjorie Specht, Grace Body, Gladys Barton, Beatrice Lake, Flossie Pierce, Rosa Adams, Helen Rice, Nadien Nace, Gladys Aronson, Geraldine Ketel, C. E. Lake, Teacher.

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Fifth and Sixth Grades. Hugh Adams, Anna Cossman, Harold Crawford, Opal Hunter, Gladys Masten, Edgar Payne, George Olson, Charlie Brown, Brama Caniparoli, Loyd Hardin, Harold Hunter, James Ketel, Virginia Masten, Ben Pasero, Joe Payne, Lillian Van Natta, Eva Olson. Miss Paine, Teacher.

Seventh and Eighth Grades. Irene Lewis, Anna Olson, Connie Brown, Herbert Thompson, Ethel Brown, Nora Baseel, Fred Baseel, Johnnie Chambers, Lucy Masten, Jephtha Thompson, George Van Natta, Francis Whitney, Blanche Ferry, Louise Ketel, Ivan Crawford, Esther Clark, Claire Marsh, Frances Rutherford, Lawrence Fraser, John Goodman. O. L. Rhinesmith, Teacher.

George Gore was a business visitor in Rainier Monday.

## PEOPLES' FORUM PROVES POPULAR

Mist's Latest Feature Wherein the Public is Invited to Write Views on Topics of Local Interest Meets With Readers' Approval

The Editor, St. Helens Mist. Although there is a lot of truth in the old saying that a man's intrinsic worth is not to be reckoned by his sanitary condition or quality of his clothes, still the day seems to have passed when even genius of the paramount type is suffered, or disposed to shamble along in tatters. Everyone and everything can be made neat and orderly at least; and a disorderly, haphazard appearance is frequently indicative of a similar condition in the mind. At all events, such is the impression on the casual observer.

Each day a number of these casual and transient, indeed, but critical observers pass through our towns; and what is more natural than that they should judge our prided habitats as they are accustomed to appraise an individual. No one is likely, except through callous necessity, to hover about the insalubrious being whose vest-front proclaims to all five senses that it has assisted at the obsequies of many a copious dinner, neither are tourists likely to be fascinated by a town which presents a disreputable or unornate appearance.

If a person might make bold to apply the above sapient observations to St. Helens, he could well begin at the jumping-off place—the wretched hovel which glories in the name of Depot. It is true, we are not responsible for this monopolistic monstrosity; and we should consider ourselves fortunate that so efficient a corps of railway people consent to labor there; but what an unmerited impression of St. Helens it must leave on the minds of travellers! "Some moss-grown, dingy hamlet," they think, I suppose, when the facts of the matter are that St. Helens supplies more revenue to the railway than any other town between Portland and Astoria. On the other hand, have you ever been privileged to enjoy the refreshing atmosphere of that waiting-room on a night when the heavens saw fit to rain—I mean, if you were able to squeeze into it? Small wonder that many will ride on the bus, unappalled by the abrasions and bumps on the road to Scappoose. It is high time for the railroad to compensate St. Helens for the slights she has suffered on account of that unlovely and antiquated station, and to help develop a town upon which the railway largely relies for its own prosperity, by building a commodious depot.

Another "cynosure of all eyes" is that fair and lonely creature with her arm upraised to heaven who stands upon a rickety, unpainted pedestal on the outskirts of the city. The idea is a good one, but the artist should complete his work. Any lady with heavenward tendencies should be encouraged.

## OUTS. SHOULD USE POOR FARM.

Dorville, Ore., Jan. 26, 1920. To the Editor of the Mist. There is an enquiry by "Go Ahead" who states that the county poor farm has been rented for the year 1920 for an amount of money and advises to sell the land and use the money for some public benefit. There is an astounding shortsightedness in this proposition. If the county court has made a mistake in renting the poor farm this year, it does not follow that the same mistake will have to be repeated. Furthermore, the time will soon be here, when the increasing number of poor, will make it necessary to have a place to care them.

There are undoubtedly many poor who would be more content to live on the poor farm with rural surroundings than to be housed up in a ward of some city hospital. The county budget for the year 1920 contains an item of \$3,500 for the care of the poor, and this item, from year to year, is bound to increase. It is my firm belief that in the near future we will be able to keep our poor better and cheaper on our poor farm, and while the price of land is steadily going up, it would be a very bad mistake to sell what we have only to rebuy later at an enhanced price. It seems to me it would be a "Go Back" instead of "Go Ahead."

## BUSINESS CHANGE

Frank Wilkins has sold his paint, hardware, sash and door and light building supply business to D. J. Switzer of St. Helens who has already taken charge of the business. Mr. Wilkins retains his dock business, feed, poultry foods and heavy building material part of the business which has been conducted from the dock store and his son Harvey will look out for this end of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins plan to leave next week for Westport, Washington, where they have a nice little bungalow and a "several acre farm" and Frank will take matters easy for awhile. He hopes that Mrs. Wilkins' health will be improved by the change of climate which is the principal reason for his leaving St. Helens.

William Pringle of the Nehalem country who is here as a juror is strongly in favor of Governor Olcott calling a special session of the legislature and have a bill passed fixing the daily compensation of jurors at \$5. Pringle says \$3 doesn't last very long over here in St. Helens.